SRI A. IYANAR :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லிய பதிலிலிருந்து 150 பேர் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. அதில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் எத்தனைபேர்கள் என்று அறியவிரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A separate question may be put as regards the number of Harijans working as village guides."

Starting of a sugar factory in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 478 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any application for a licence for starting an additional sugar factory in Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if so, where it is likely to be located? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Apart from the existing sugar factory at Pugalur, the Government of India have granted a licence for the establishment of a new sugar factory at Pettaivaithalai in Tiruchirappalli district. No applications for starting additional sugar factories in the district have been received."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" அந்த சர்க்கரை ஆலை நிறுவுவதற்கு எவ்வளவு காலம் ஆகும் என்பதைச் சர்க்கார் தெரிவிக்கமுடியுமா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I know that arrangements are being made to install a plant there but I have no information as to when exactly it will start functioning."

Cashewnut plantation in the State.

11-20 a.m. * 479 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cashewnut plantation in the State in the current year (private and Government); and

(*b*) the annual yield expected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The extent is 93,283 acres during the year 1953–54.

" (*b*) The yield is about 6,350 tons in terms of kernel in the same year."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that cashewnut is a dollar-earning product of our State and in view of the fact that growers of cashewnut are not getting reasonable prices for their produce, will the Government take suitable steps to see that they (cashewnut growers) get reasonable prices for their produce? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are looking into the matter."

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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know the total acreage under cashewnut in the district of South Arcot and whether any application has been received by the Government from cashewnut growers in that district for help and encouragement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there was a total of 24,145 acres under cashewnut in 1953–54. About 1,720 tons of cashewnut were produced in 1953–54. I have no information whether any applications of the sort referred to by the hon. Member have been received."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether cashewnut is being exported from our State or whether it is being imported into our State from other States? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions Nos. 438 to 442 relate to the same subject. I hope the House will have no objection to the Hon. Minister replying to all the questions together."

Police firing at Naduvattam, Malabar.

* 438 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have not yet published the report of Mr. Sattianathan on the recent police firing at Naduvattam in the Malabar district; and

(*b*) when it is likely to be published?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) As the matter covered by the report is *sub-judice* in the Court of Session, South Malabar Division, the report cannot be placed on the table of the House."

* 439 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to publish the Naduvattam Shooting Enquiry Committee's report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 438."

* 440 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. th Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the report on the shooting incident at Naduvattam in Malabar district; and